ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION

Dakota County Property Taxation & Records - Elections
1590 Highway 55, Suite 2300, Hastings, MN 55033-2392
www.dakotacounty.us or email: elections@co.dakota.mn.us

Apply Online at: http://www.mnvotes.org ***-OR-***

Complete lines 1 through 7. Please print clearly.

Return this application as soon as possible. Ballots must be returned by election day to be counted.

Important: Active duty military and overseas voters should not use this application. See the other side for more information.

1. absentee ballots requested for the following election(s) *(if no election is marked, a ballot will be mailed for the next election only)*

- ☐ both primary and general elections
- ☐ primary only
- ☐ general election only
- ☐ special primary (date) _____/_____/_____
- ☐ special election (date) _____/_____/_____

2. last name or surname | first name | middle name | suffix

3. date of birth / / | county where you live | phone number _ _ _ - _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

email address

4. mark all boxes that apply:

- ☐ I have a MN-issued driver's license or MN ID card number: _____
- ☐ I have a Social Security Number. The last four digits are: XXX-XX-__ __ __ __
- ☐ I do not have a MN-issued driver's license, MN-issued ID card or a Social Security Number

Your identification number will be compared to the one on your absentee ballot envelope.

5. address where you live (residence) | apt. | city | MN | zip code

6. address where your absentee ballot should be sent | apt. | city | state | zip code

7. I certify that I:

- am completing this application on my own behalf;
- will be at least 18 years old on election day;
- am a citizen of the United States;
- will have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day;
- maintain residence address at the address given on this application form;
- am not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes my right to vote;
- have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote;
- have the right to vote because, if I have been convicted of a felony, my felony sentence has expired (been completed) or I have been discharged from my sentence; and
- have read and understand this statement: The above information is accurate, and I sign this application form under penalty of perjury, a felony punishable by not more than 5 years imprisonment, a fine of not more than $10,000, or both.

sign here: X _____ **date** ____/___/_____

See other side for special instructions for voters with disabilities or power of attorney.

Return this application as soon as possible to:

Dakota County PT&R
Attn: Elections and Voter Registration
1590 Highway 55, Ste. 2300
Hastings, MN 55033

Where to return your application

You should return this to your local election office. If not provided above, contact information for your local election official can be found under "Election Official Directory" at http://www.mnvotes.org.

Options for returning absentee ballot applications

Absentee ballot applications may be returned by mail, fax or as a scanned attachment to an email.

When your ballot will be sent

Your absentee ballot materials will be sent to you at least 46 days before the election, (excluding town elections held in March where materials will be sent 30 days before the election). If you applied after this date, your ballot will be sent when the application is received. Contact your local election official if you have not received your ballot. To check the status of your absentee ballot, visit http://www.mnvotes.org.

Confidentiality Notice

The data you supply on this application is restricted to election officials prior to Election Day at 8:00 p.m. After that time, this application and the data on it, other than your identification number and date of birth, are public information. Your date of birth is required to ensure that this application can be associated with the correct voter. If you refuse to provide your date of birth, this application cannot be processed and you will not be provided with an absentee ballot. Your ID number is required to ensure that the ballot is returned by the same voter who applied for it. You may refuse to provide it, but doing so may lead to your absentee ballot being rejected and will prevent you from checking the status of your absentee ballot online.

Who may apply for a ballot

Each person must apply for themselves. It is a felony to make a false statement in an application for an absentee ballot, to attempt to cast an illegal ballot, or to help anyone to cast an illegal ballot.

If you think you may not be registered to vote

If you are not registered at the legal residence address provided, you will be sent a voter registration application with your ballot materials.

Information for active-duty military and overseas voters

If you are applying for an absentee ballot because you or your family are active-duty military or because you will be overseas and/or outside of the territorial limits of the United States, do not use this application. You are entitled to special protections if you apply using the Federal Postcard Application. For more information and to apply online, go to http://mnvotes.org.

Options available to you if you have a disability

You may:

- sign the application yourself,
- make your mark, or
- ask another person to sign for you in your presence (have the person sign their own name as well.)
- If you have adopted the use of a signature stamp for all purposes of signature, you may use your signature stamp or ask another person to use your signature stamp in your presence. (See *Minnesota Statutes*, section 645.44, subdivision 14.)

Information regarding Power of Attorney

Voting is not covered by power of attorney. A power of attorney pertains only to affairs affecting property. A person with power of attorney may only sign for you in your presence, as outlined above. (See *Minnesota Statutes,* section 523.24, subdivision 14.)